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Sir:

With a view to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due and to placing the English translation from the German of their subject International Application into a condition believed in formal respects to satisfy current American patent prosecution standards, applicants couteously request entry of the amendmend set forth *infra*. The proposed changes do not add new matter to applicants' original disclosure.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 9: cancel "Specification" and insert

–BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

1. Field of the Invention.–;

line 14: insert –2. The Prior Art.–;

Page 4, line 33: insert –OBJECT OF THE INVENTION.–;

Page 5, line 6: insert –SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.–;

line 27: insert –DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS.–;

Page 9, line 1: change "Patent Claims" to –What is claimed is:–;

page 11, line 1: change "Abstract" to –ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE.–;